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23 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT: Progress Report - PBSUCCESS for the Period 16-22 March 1954

I. Operational

The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

- A. The following persons travelled to Lincoln and were briefed by C/S Lincoln regarding their roles in connection with PBSUCCESS:

[] (San Salvador) - 16 March
[] (Guatemala City) - 18 March

Authority was given to [] to brief Departments of Defense and Air Force representatives on PBSUCCESS on a need-to-know basis.

- B. At a conference held at Lincoln on 16 March attended by [] and [] a polygraph support plan was drafted and agreed upon by those present. It is planned that a polygraph operator/interpreter team will proceed to Lincoln for briefing and will arrive in Honduras by 25 March. The plan consists of two phases, two areas of operation, and requires two sets of travel documents. The team will then return to Lincoln before the second phase of the operation which will commence in Nicaragua on 8 April. Arrangements have been laid on to ensure that these staff employees travelling to Honduras and Nicaragua to handle the polygraph examinations will be doing so under the most secure arrangements possible. It was resolved that the examinations of Calligeris and his staff would be confined to a determination of their loyalty to the SYNCARP interests only, not touching upon their personal affairs and/or morals.

- C. Approval was granted on 20 March by DCI for the implementation of the Sherwood Program on Santa Fe at an installation cost of [] plus an estimated monthly operational cost of [] and [] at an installation cost of [] plus an estimated monthly operational cost of [] CWH was instructed to proceed with clearances from the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) and the Weather Bureau. The installation at Santa Fe will be used only as a reserve station in the last phase of PBSUCCESS.

- D. In response to a request by representatives of AMD for the purpose of determining whether their present plans for moving Air Force crews and sterile aircraft from Headquarters to FJHOPEFUL, Col.

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King discussed the matter at a meeting with the DD/P and C/PP. Permission was granted on 22 March with the proviso that specific approval from Headquarters will be required for flights into the target and staging areas. [] were so advised. ✓

- E. PP operations were carried out in Chile, Uruguay, Cuba, and Panama. PP operations were suggested to Montevideo, Guatemala City, Mexico City, and Lincoln.
- F. Planning continued for [] to proceed to Guatemala City under [] in a high-level defection mission. A prerequisite before his departure has not as yet been laid on, namely, that [] be accompanied by an interpreter/bodyguard.

II. Administration

- A. Logistics - One C-124 is due to leave Andrews Field on or about 23 March with the last shipment of air freight to [] The need for a C-124 was due to a last-minute requisition from Lincoln for additional ammunition and para-military supplies. Approximately 10,000 pounds of heavy communications equipment to be utilized in the Sherwood Program (Santa Fe) will be shipped to FJHOPEFUL on the above flight. ✓
- B. Finance - The Administrative Officer and Finance Officer, PESUCCESS, visited Lincoln Station on 18 March, where in addition to other administrative matters, the accounting and bookkeeping procedures for PESUCCESS were reviewed. It was found that Lincoln Station was not recording obligations on large advances made directly from Headquarters to field stations. For purposes of reconciling accounts at Lincoln with Headquarters, it was agreed that in the future such advances made directly from Headquarters will be picked up on the books at Lincoln Station. Of the total estimated obligations of [] only [] appears on the books of Lincoln Station. The accounting system in use at Lincoln in substance provides that advances are listed in accordance with task and/or individuals. There has been little accounting on advances for specific tasks. There has been some accounting on advances made to individuals; however, it was noted that some individuals have as many as five or six advances for which no accounting has been made. The Chief of Station, Lincoln, agrees that immediate follow-ups should be made on all such advances. Headquarters proposes to provide Lincoln with a memorandum form which will be utilized in following up and obtaining accounting for all such advances. A monthly report will be maintained in Headquarters on outstanding advances to individuals. →

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III. Personnel

- A. Eight additional positions have been requested for Lincoln Station. The need for these additional support positions arises as a result of the realignment in operational objectives. One individual is being made available from TSS and one within WHD to fill two of the above positions. Efforts are being made to obtain the remaining six individuals through the Chief, Admin/DDP.
- B. Fourteen additional positions are requested for FJHOPEFUL Station. The need for these positions is due to deactivation of FJHOPEFUL. The fourteen positions consist of administrative and support personnel and seven physical security guards. Personnel are at present on duty at FJHOPEFUL and will be transferred to the PHSUCCESS T/O. ✓

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